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Editorial of the Month

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod

YES, I shall write an editorial for THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod. True, together with a Commencement on my hands, I have five letters before me, each asking for an appreciation of men, of other churches and of ours, who are celebrating anniversaries or are retiring from office. All of these requests have come in a week, and this manuscript is to be in the printer's hands by May 10. I could not, however, be true to myself, and much less to the women, if I would not say a word on this Fiftieth Anniversary. If I could only put into words what I feel in my heart, then I am sure my editorial would be worthwhile.

I am in the ministry almost as long as the Woman's Missionary Society has been organized and active. I remember the day when some of our leading ministers, and they were learned and devout men, questioned the practicability of the organization of a woman's missionary society of General Synod. Is it true to the conception of the Church? Will it not take the women from their domestic duties—making good coffee and palatable meals—if they will engage in work such as the missionary society required? Did not Samson lose his strength when Delilah cut off his locks? Yes, like all movements of this kind, the Woman's Missionary Society passed through the stage of small things, opposition, and indifference. But, as always, the women won out, and they they have proved the wisdom of the founding of the Society by their works, increasing each of the fifty years.

The men forgot that Jesus, of all founders of religion, was the only one who freed the women from mere household duties, which neither they nor we underestimate, and opened to them a door that led into a wider field of action. With delicate grace He accepted the

homage of women who ministered unto Him of their substance (Luke 8: 2, 3). His greatest Apostle, in one of his last letters, wrote: "Help those women for they labored with me in the Gospel" (Phil. 4: 3). Perhaps if he were to write a letter now he would say: "Help these men; by the grace of God, the women have shown that they can help themselves." The women were among the first disciples, last at the cross and first at the tomb. They caught the first rays of the Easter morn.

I have had the privilege of attending only too few of the meetings of the Society, but when I was present I was deeply impressed by the wise leadership of the officers, the clear and concise reports and discussions, the invincible enthusiasm for the causes which they served, the ability to carry through projects, one cannot say which they fathered but which they undertook. Like love, they never failed. Evidence of their liberality, self-denial, and unabated activity, is found in Japan, China, Mesopotamia, in hundreds of churches in their home-land, and in the aid they gave to the Boards when they were nigh unto distress. And they have worked always with the joy and gladness that comes when one works for the Master's cause, which is always for the welfare of men, women, and children.

It means but little when I speak for myself, who am only one of hundreds of thousands of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. But by virtue of my office I may bear the greetings of the whole Church to an organization that has become indispensable in our denominational life and in the work of the Kingdom.

God bless the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod! May its good works increase manifold during the next fifty years.

GEORGE W. RICHARDS

The Quiet Hour

JULIA HALL BARTHOLOMEW

Every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things.—I COR. 9: 25.

Art, riches, fame, pleasure are not in themselves poisons that kill the soul. But they lack nutrition. They starve the soul. The soul of man is hungry for God. Only He can satisfy it.

—THEO. F. HERMAN.

All wars are useless—let there be no more!
We shall not have a part in this mad thing.
You cannot take the fine sons that we bore
And offer them for bloody slaughtering.
Consult the mothers of the earth, O men,
And there will never be a war again!

—GRACE NOLL CROWELL.

Furthermore, the common people are tired of being eternally the buffer in the game of war, and since they have to do the suffering and the dying and to furnish war's cannon fodder, they are asking why they should not have something to say as to whether war shall be declared.

—CONGRESSMAN LUDLOW.

For when a man knows that morning, noon and night God is present with him, then he finds higher values and deeper meaning in everything that he does.

—HENRY DARLINGTON.

I believe the first law of every family should be consideration, based not on justice, but on kindness.

—SARAH LORIMER.

The greatest need of the world today is a sense of security. We have largely lost this in every department of life.

CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER.

“We need a larger wish life, a larger yearning. The Holy Spirit that ties our life to God and our fellow-man is the royal spirit.”

Just as Christ slept through part of the storm on the Sea of Galilee, so God seems silent in our prayers for a time. But Christ awoke to still the tempest

and God comes to help men and nations in the right hour.

—JOHN LINTON.

One must have the adventurous daring to accept oneself as a bundle of possibilities and undertake the most interesting game in the world—making the most of one's best.

—HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK.

The one great aim of the Church should be to provide Jesus Christ with a body through which His spirit can work.

—WILLIAM P. MERRILL.

Remember that love must be the measure of your contribution. It will be not what we give, but what we share.

—MICHAEL J. LAVELLE.

True originality is not in greatness or smallness. The violet is as original as the oak, and as necessary. Any person's originality lies in the acceptance of himself; not in seeking to be other than he is, but in making the best of what he has.

—FREDERICK K. STAMM.

A knowledge of the profound, inexhaustible simplicity of the Gospel is the great need of all men everywhere, as burdened and perplexed, they are seeking for life and light.

—RAYMOND C. KNOX.

A life without friends is stark and barren like a house without a landscape. The Master knew all this. He Himself craved comradeship. Again and again we see Him turning from the cruelty of the crowds to those delightful days with His friends.

—RALPH W. SOCKMAN.

I can bear whatever Fate showers
Of joy or pain,
For there will be lovely flowers
After the rain.

—ANNE CAMPBELL.

The Prayer

Lord, for tomorrow and its needs I do not pray,
Keep me, my God, from stain of sin
Just for today. Amen.

—SAMUEL WILBERFORCE.

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OUR MOTTO: *The Church a Missionary Society—Every Christian a Life Member*

The Thirtieth Anniversary of Yale-in-China

By REV. J. FRANK BUCHER

AT a conference of the Protestant Missions working in Hunan, held at Changsha in 1903, it was decided to invite the Yale University Association to open a College and Middle (High) School in that city. This invitation was accepted and the Middle School was opened for work on November 16, 1906. In due time the College was also opened, and for thirty years work of a very high order has been done in these institutions. To celebrate the successful completion of these thirty years, the Middle School held an anniversary service on November 16, 1936.

In 1928 our Mission decided to close all college preparatory work being done in Senior Middle Schools and join in the Senior Middle School at Yali. And it was as one of our Mission Representatives on the Board of Directors that the writer attended this anniversary. The other member of the Board from our Mission who attended the meeting was Principal Yü, of Huping Middle School.

The celebration was continued through three days. On Saturday, November 14, the students contested in athletics. On Sunday afternoon exhibits of chemistry and other sciences were made in the Yali laboratories for the visiting students of Government and Private Primary Schools in Changsha. On Monday morning the celebration proper was held in the chapel of the school. Representatives from the various government organizations, from the alumni, from the Board of Directors, all spoke. President Francis C. Wei, of our Hua Chung College,* gave the main address. Telegrams and letters of congratulation were read. Altogether the Senior and Junior Middle School students sat for three long hours and listened to these addresses.

The Yali Union Middle School is a first-class college preparatory school. It is known throughout China for its excellent work. To do such high-grade work requires splendid

equipment and high quality teaching. These cost money, and therefore there is much complaint because of the high cost of tuition and the other expenses. Only well-to-do and high salaried parents can afford to send their sons to Yali. To meet this condition, the school gives scholarships to students sent up by the different Missions who co-operate in it. Special scholarships are also given to very promising students who are unable to meet the expenses. Of course, only Grade A students can qualify for these scholarships.

The writer has recently purchased a copy of "Who's Who in China", Fifth Edition (1936), which is just off the press. The Foreword says that there are over fifteen hundred brief biographies in this book. A very large number are military officials. But he was much pleased to note that among the civilians a goodly number are graduates of Yale College and Middle School. Considering that Yali Union Middle School is celebrating only its thirtieth anniversary, this record is very creditable.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors held the afternoon of the anniversary day, the following statistics were given for the first semester of the 1936-37 school year:

Students enrolled in the Junior Middle School, 247; Senior Middle School, 144; total, 391.

Number of Junior Middle School students who are Christians, 29, or 12%; Senior Middle School students, 40, or 27%.

Full-time teachers, 25, of whom 20 are Christians; part-time teachers, 9, of whom 5 are Christians.

Taking Christian Religious Education Courses in Junior Middle School, 45.8%; in Senior Middle School, 80.5%.

Just at present all Christian work is difficult owing to the actively increasing spirit of militarism and nationalism. This spirit shows itself with special strength in the schools. Under such conditions the above report of Christian work is very good.

*The Yali College has united in forming Hua Chung College in Wuchang, Hupeh, where it conducts the Science Department.

Home Missions

CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER, *Editor*

Missionary Education

THERE has recently been formed the Cooperative Council of Missionary Education, of which the following Boards and agencies of the united Church are constituent members: The Boards of Home Missions; the Boards of Foreign Missions; the Board of Christian Education and Publication; the Women's organizations and the Churchmen's Brotherhood. As its name indicates, the Council is to coordinate and integrate the work of education in the field of missions. It will take the place of the Missionary Education Department, for so many years conducted by the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and the Woman's Missionary Society of the "R" group. The Council has called Rev. D. D. Baker of Baltimore, Md., as the Director, who will take charge of the office June 1st with headquarters at St. Louis, Mo. It does not require much thought on the part of anyone to sense the far reaching possibilities of this new set-up in the Church. The fact that three of the major Boards and other organizations in the Church have affiliated to promote the mission interests through the process of education is itself very significant. There are great possibilities in such a united and cooperative approach to the missionary enterprise. To have not only those Boards and agencies which are directly responsible for the missionary program of the Church, but also to have the Board of Christian Education and Publication which deals with the whole educational movement in the Church, reaching through the various age groups, and in addition to have the Churchmen's Brotherhood which aims to enlist the thought and activity of the man power of the Church—to get all these agencies of the Church to project a program of missionary education is certainly enough to kindle one's imagination. We have every reason to believe, therefore, that the whole program of the Church will now be undergirded by the spirit of missions and that every department, from the Kindergarten in the Sunday School to the men and women of mature age in our Churches, will be geared into this program. Not only Missionary Societies, but Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies, Brotherhoods, all will now

have the missionary impact brought to bear upon them and this ought to bring about a new interest and a larger support of the work. This will mean the study of mission materials, such as Fields, Personnel, Policies, Programs, Needs, Opportunities, etc., by practically all of the departments in the congregation, with a view of enlisting intelligent interest and creating and developing a missionary mind through educational processes. It is generally felt that a lack of interest in missions is due to a lack of knowledge on the subject. Someone, long ago, ventured the statement that knowledge is power, but knowledge by itself is not power. Education does not necessarily result in action. It must be properly motivated to be really effective, but this Cooperative Council of Missionary Education can give motive and momentum to the missionary enterprise.

Its immediate task is in connection with the Summer Missionary Conferences and camps which will be held during the months of July and August. Here several thousands of young people will be gathered together. Here a missionary impact must be made. These summer conferences are training schools where young people are taught how to carry a missionary program back into their local congregations. If several thousand young people thus informed and inspired, can go back and make their impact upon the congregations of which they form a part, there is no limit to what they can accomplish in behalf of missions.

After the summer conferences comes the missionary program which must be put on in the local congregations. There Mission Study Classes should be formed. There certain emphasis periods should be observed. Every agency in the congregation now must be coordinated into a unified program so that the Sunday School, the young people, the Missionary and Aid Societies, the congregation in general, all must now concentrate on this program of Missionary Education. If the three thousand congregations in the united Church will thus come to grips with this problem, a new day for missions at home and abroad will be dawning.

This Cooperative Council of Missionary Education is supposed to make other contacts. It has definite relations to Kingdom Service Committees which are appointed in the Classes, Districts and Synods, as well as in local congregations. This now carries the missionary educational program out into all the judicatories of the Church. Consequently, at the meetings of the Classes, of the Districts, of the Synods, at other conferences and gatherings in every section of the Church, missions must occupy a central place. If this does not create a missionary mind

through these far reaching educational processes and contacts, then nothing can avail.

We, therefore, have great hopes for this Cooperative Council and for the impact which in a united effort it can make upon the entire Church. Rev. Mr. Baker has a large field open before him and we bespeak for him the hearty cooperation of all the Boards and agencies which have called him to this office and for the hearty response of the united Church which stands upon the threshold of a new day.

C. E. S.

Notes

MRS. S. LAKY, wife of our Hungarian pastor, Westside, Buffalo, addressed practically all of the Classical Missionary Societies of Potomac Synod, going as far south as North Carolina. She made a profound impression wherever she went. She spoke about the work among the Hungarians in this country and on the subject of Peace.

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The receipts on the Apportionment have enabled the Board of Home Missions to pay the monthly appropriations in full to the missionaries thus far this year. It is earnestly hoped that this record may be sustained throughout the entire year. In addition to this three distributions on back salaries have been made since January. There is money coming in every day on the 20,000 Club Plan. If this will continue for the balance of the year and the more than 900 congregations that have as yet not responded, will cooperate by raising their quotas, the entire amount of salary arrearages will be paid by the end of the year.

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The Board of Home Missions will hold its semi-annual meeting at Lancaster, Pa., on July 14th. The following day, July 15th, will be devoted to a conference on Home Missions with representatives who have been officially appointed by their Classes. This conference will face up in a very realistic way to some of the major problems in the field of Home Missions. Any person interested in the cause, though not designated by his Classis, will be cordially welcomed to participate in the conference.

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The Board of Home Missions extends its sympathy to its sister, the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in America,

in the death of its very efficient Secretary, Dr. James S. Kittel of New York, which occurred in April. Dr. Kittel served as Vice-President of the Home Missions Council and was a member of its Executive Committee, as well as serving on a number of other important committees. He was an outstanding leader in the work of Home Missions, and a brother greatly beloved by all who knew him.

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Dr. Charles L. Goodell, who served for many years as the Secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council, died April 27th, in his 83rd year. Dr. Goodell had appeared in many pulpits of the Reformed Church and was regarded as one of the greatest spiritual leaders in this country. His radio messages gave him a nation-wide audience and his books were widely read by both ministers and lay members.



HUNGARIAN CHURCH, GARY, INDIANA
Rev. Arpad Bakay, Pastor

Report of the Superintendent of the Winnebago Indian Mission and School, Black River Falls and Neillsville, Wisconsin

FIRST QUARTER, 1937

To the Board of Home Missions:

Dear Brethren:

As we review the events of the past quarter, we gratefully remember the goodness and mercy of God again manifested in so many ways, especially in having brought us safely through the anxieties of the first month of the New Year. The health of the children is always of major concern. For the first half of the school year, up to the time we were visited by the epidemic of "flu" and pneumonia, their health was unusually good, as it has also been since then. To be feared always during such epidemics of influenza are the imminent dangers from complications such as pneumonia; but among the Indian children more especially that of a reactivation of latent tuberculosis. A score or so of children who have a familia or personal history of tuberculosis did not regain normal weight and have since been kept on special diets and under medical observation. As arrangements can be made with the Indian Hospital at Tomah, 70 miles distant, they are taken there in groups for X-ray and other examinations. One of the older girls was found to have an active, open case and was promptly hospitalized. The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stacy also had to be recommitted. About a year ago she had been released from the sanatorium as an arrested case. It is a sad burden for the parents. Several other of the younger members of our church have also had to enter the sanatorium lately. The tuberculosis rate among Indians is about eighteen times the per capita rate among the white population. In spite of the strong educational program and the efforts of government and mission workers to institutionalize every known case, tuberculosis still remains the Great White Plague and the greatest single cause of death among the Winnebago. The stubbornness of the older Indians and their unwillingness to believe the teachings of medical science regarding this disease and to do something about it before it is too late, sometimes makes these efforts appear utterly futile. It is a pity to see a whole family of little children perish one after the other because the mother who is

infesting them refuses to take precautions or the proper treatment.

In another month and a half the school at Neillsville will again close for the summer. On May 15, after a school year of one week over nine months, the children return once more to their homes. So far this year, with but few exceptions, they have all made satisfactory progress. Their standings compare favorably with those of white children in the County. Our teachers have been faithful and as in the past have been willing to give many hours outside of the regular school time to assist backward pupils.

Clark County is a farming community and the annual grain judging contest each year creates great interest in public schools. This year over 650 contestants entered, among them twelve of our Indian boys. Although they have little or no home experience in this line, our boys did very well. One of our boys won second place in the County and another eighth. Of the 217 teams participating, three of the four mission school teams won third, sixth, and seventh places.

From our interest in the ordinary school work and their related outside activities it must not be inferred that the Christian teaching and training of the children is being neglected. As a mission school, this part of our work always has first place in our efforts as well it should. Daily graded Bible study, the memorizing of choice Bible passages and the great hymns of the church, the daily devotional and Sunday services with due consideration of the church year, observance of special days, training in benevolent giving, and constant emphasis upon regulating daily life according to Christian principles, give the direction to our whole program. We rejoice in and cherish every opportunity of making known the love of the Father and the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the matter of benevolent giving, the congregation has done nobly. The increase in the contributions of the members has kept pace with their improved economic conditions since almost every family has a member working on W. P. A. projects. In 1935 the total offerings, including Ladies' Aid contributions for local charity, amounted to \$167.25. In



THE HOME OF BROWN EAGLE

Many of the Winnebago Indian homes look like this humble abode.

1936, this was increased to \$245.65. Including the Sunday offerings and other special gifts contributed by the Neillsville School, the total for 1936 amounted to \$653.71. The weekly benevolent moneys are apportioned according to classical recommendation. Special offerings for home and foreign missionary and other purposes are taken every year. These occasions afford a good opportunity for presenting the general work of the whole church. The consistory is always ready to respond to the special appeals made in behalf of the various Boards. Sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society at the school, nine memberships in the 20,000 Club are kept up by monthly payments. A special contribution of \$45.53 for debt reduction was recently forwarded to the Board of Foreign Missions. Also to the Treasurer for Flood Relief, a contribution of \$92.36. When the consistory was informed that the Neillsville school had raised \$65.00 for Flood Relief, they immediately requested an opportunity to share in this also. They voted to divide the \$21.00 in the treasury as a special gift for Foreign Mission Day and Flood Relief. "These people are friends of ours," they said, "they have always helped us when we needed

help. Now that they themselves are poor, we must help them. What we have now is not enough. Let us have another offering next Sunday." During the week they talked it over with church members and on Sunday, all came prepared to give. What a surprise when after the service the treasurer turned over the handsome sum of \$31.00, also to be equally divided as the other. Since this subject is being dealt with in a report for the first time, I would like to mention that the congregation, with the help of the workers in the school have, for the past three or four years, always over-paid the benevolent apportionment. In 1936, not counting special gifts for various purposes, by over \$70.00. Of course, they do not pay anything for pastor's salary, but it must be remembered that they are among the lowest income group in the Church at large, and that less than forty per cent of the membership live within fifteen miles of the church, and are ever able to attend services, or to have a share in these contributions. The grace of Christian giving is something these heathen folks soon learn when once they have given themselves to Christ.

BENJ. STUCKI.

"I do wish more of our members would subscribe for THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS. I really could not conduct our meeting (when I help out) without it. It contains such interesting letters from our workers."

Mrs. A. I. BLOOM, Williamsport, Pa.

Report of Twenty Thousand Club

April 30, 1937
EASTERN SYNOD

Classes	Congregations in Classis	No. Congregations Contributing	Amount
East Pennsylvania	62	28	\$916.94
Lebanon	42	18	1,248.68
Philadelphia	40	24	3,811.35
Lancaster	53	22	1,361.31
East Susquehanna	55	9	263.85
West Susquehanna	59	16	923.61
Tohickon	38	12	851.74
Goshenhoppen	30	7	749.25
Lehigh	68	21	998.78
Schuylkill	38	9	401.34
Wyoming	43	21	738.84
Reading	30	13	1,080.82
East Hungarian	13	5	324.23
New York	15	10	1,074.40
German Philadelphia	15	4	51.55

\$14,796.69

OHIO SYNOD

Central Ohio	41	33	\$1,501.69
East Ohio	55	34	3,593.36
Northeast Ohio	49	19	3,231.12
Northwest Ohio	46	29	1,743.69
Southwest Ohio	39	20	1,806.42
West Ohio	27	14	938.68
Lakeside Hungarian	14	6	201.83

\$13,016.79

NORTHWEST SYNOD

Sheboygan	42	10	\$1,514.85
Milwaukee	29	11	3,827.54
Minnesota	14	1	3.00
Nebraska	9	5	657.00
Ursinus	13	5	270.00
South Dakota	28	1	432.46
Portland-Oregon	9	8	461.00
Eureka	39	5	52.50
West Canada	13	6	1,000.00
California	8	7	483.55

\$8,701.90

PITTSBURGH SYNOD

Westmoreland	36	21	\$1,794.99
Clarion	28	11	469.79
St. Paul's	17	12	943.32
Somerset	38	5	138.00
Allegheny	25	18	1,323.17
West New York	13	8	299.00
Central Hungarian	10	3	140.00

\$5,108.27

Classes	Congregations in Classis	No. Congregations Contributing	Amount
POTOMAC SYNOD			
Zion	36	14	\$1,447.34
Maryland	49	16	1,553.33
Mercersburg	19	13	1,006.82
Virginia	28	9	430.24
North Carolina	56	21	1,004.65
Gettysburg	33	9	446.25
Carlisle	18	9	600.71
Juniata	45	17	659.01
Baltimore-Washington	17	8	671.62
			\$7,819.97
MIDWEST SYNOD			
Fort Wayne	24	13	\$642.98
Chicago	15	7	464.05
Iowa	14	8	223.00
Indianapolis	15	12	1,539.55
Lincoln	8	2	158.00
Kentucky	15	7	236.37
Missouri-Kansas	21	13	1,684.54
Zion Hungarian	13	4	210.28
			\$5,158.77
TOTAL OF ALL SYNODS			\$54,602.39
Miscellaneous (General)			1,340.00
W. M. S. G. S.			3,682.64
			\$59,625.03
GRAND TOTAL			\$59,625.03
Total Congregations in "R" Group		1669	
No. of Congregations and Charges Contributing		693	



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Foreign Missions

JOHN H. POORMAN, EDITOR

The Gospel in Shenchow

BY MINERVA S. WEIL



AT THE 1937 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, SHENCHOW, CHINA

The two Protestant churches (Evangelical, and Evangelical and Reformed) in Shenchow observed the World Day of Prayer on February 12th.

Since this was the day after Chinese New Year with nearly every one in holiday mood and holiday attire, many guests arrived more than two hours before the time announced for the service.

The Reformed Church was the hostess Church and our leader, Miss Chang, a lay member, did well in spite of last minute changes due to the fact that the Chinese translation of programs did not arrive in time.

The student nurses from Abounding Grace Hospital sang "Arise, Ye Slaves of Sin" and Mrs. Wang, member of the Evangelical Church, gave a testimony and short Bible message.

When the Day of Prayer was first observed in Shenchow in 1927 the program lasted from nine o'clock in the morning until noon, and from one to four in the afternoon. This year the service lasted only an hour and

forty minutes after which a picture was taken of the joint group.

A Birthday Party

Although Mrs. Liu spent her 67th birthday in her home in Changsha, her daughter, Ruth Liu, in order to honor her mother, invited guests to celebrate her natal day in Shenchow. Before the feast of Chinese spaghetti and many vegetables, a short service was held at which her favorite hymn, "Jesus Loves Me," was sung; Proverbs 31:10-31 was read, and in prayer, praise was voiced for God's care in the past and she was definitely committed to the Lord for the future.

A picture was taken for the mother to "see" the friends who celebrated her birthday in Shenchow.

A Good Heart or Posterity, Which is Better?

While doing personal work, preaching and distributing tracts in an open space used as a market place we noticed a young country woman eager to hear the Gospel story. After listening a long time she said, "Which is

better, a good heart or posterity?" The Bible woman with me used this opportunity to tell the little woman that a good heart was the better—she had evidently had no children and was being blamed for it—and that the only way to have a clean, good heart was trust in the Blood of the Lamb, the Christ who died to save sinners. This Good News was what she was looking for and she accepted Christ in the market place. Pray that the seed sown may bring forth much fruit.

Prayer Changes Things

Mrs. Liu, the wife of a small official in Wusuh (ten miles from Shenchow) began study with Mrs. Hwang, a Bible woman, one year ago. She is twenty-two years old and has never been to school. When brighter pupils learn the characters more easily she says, "Mrs. Hwang, I must pray the Lord to help me." Then she tries again.

A few months ago her husband phoned many times in a day and reported the loss of ten guns valued at over a thousand dollars.

She called Mrs. Hwang to come to her home on important business. Upon arrival at her home, Mrs. Hwang was led into the bedroom, the door closed and commanded to pray for the guns. Within a week, eight guns were restored, one reported broken and one lost. When the official returned his wife said, "I praise God for answered prayer." He said, "And do you think God would do that?" She assured him that the One who gave us everything else we needed could do this also.

She was persecuted for not wanting the ancestors whom she refused to worship on the 28th of the last month. On the last day of the year she went to very special trouble to prepare New Year's food for her husband's father, thus showing honor to elders while they live. Because of persecution she could not go with a group of five on January 2nd but did go "New Year's preaching" on January 3rd and her use of the local "country talk" was the means of reaching many with the Gospel.



BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MRS. LIU

Miss Weil, second from left and Ruth Liu, fifth from left, sitting; Miss Zierdt, second from left, standing.

"I cannot be a whole-hearted member of the W. M. S. without THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS."

MRS. EDGAR WHITENER, High Point, N. C.

"I can't see how anyone gets along without THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS."

MRS. EDWARD H. NEIMAN, York, Pa.

Mother Li's Funeral

By OLIVE M. BUCHER

IT was raining in frequent, heavy showers when we assembled at the Li home for the second memorial service in honor of the mother of that home, who had died.

The open court, around which the house was built could not be used for this service as it had been for the first service, because of the rain. Guests were fewer also, for the same reason, and could easily crowd under the protection of the long, low eaves, or, as we did, in the porch-like enclosure at the main entrance of the house.

A pan with a few sticks of hot charcoal was placed conveniently, so that we could rest our feet on its wooden stand and warm them, if we wished. We sat on benches part way around the fire at one end of the enclosure, facing the other end where the leader of the service, some of the white-robed mourners and other Christians were gathered.

Between the two groups stood a small table, on which burned a tiny pot of incense. Two vases held twigs of fragrant flowers on either side. Directly above, where the curled smoke of the incense thinned to a veil and then vanished, hung a well-drawn picture of Mother Li.

The picture was hung on a trellis of white cloth, woven with strips of material about a foot wide, that covered the whole exterior of the room, excepting two doorways, one on each side of the table. Evergreens were twined in the trellis.

Posts covered with evergreens and paper flowers made an entrance to the little porch, and on either side was a balustrade built of folds of the white cloth.

Near us on one of the benches sat a forlorn girl of Junior High School age, in her white mourning suit. Because of a long illness, they had feared to tell this daughter of Mrs. Li that she was coming home for anything else than to spend the New Year holiday.

Before the third service was held, tables and chairs were arranged to feast all of the friends and relatives. After a number of us had eaten, we went out for a walk to the site of the old yamen (which is now a park) in order that our places at the tables might accommodate others. Someone came to tell us that it was time for the service, and we returned to the house, with the children who operated the receiving drums ahead. Tables

had been removed and benches arranged facing the porch.

Near the end of the service, Mr. Li Yu Sen, the son, was asked to speak. It seemed to me unkind that he should have been asked. It was hard for him to begin and only with great effort that he kept his voice under control. He spoke of the sacrifices that his mother had always made, and urged that tribute be paid her not only with outward show, but by "giving ourselves to sacrificing service."

On the morning of the funeral, many gathered again in the little courtyard for a service. Rev. Mr. Swen, of the Evangelical Church, another one of our former Eastview boys, gave us an inspiring talk. It was an exhortation to the living, and Mr. Swen's own kind and spiritual personality made it a very appealing message.

In the meantime, many more neighbors and friends gathered on the street outside. We joined them as we waited for the procession to start.

A group of well-dressed and intellectual-looking young men were greeting each other with expressions of friendship. They were all old schoolmates, former Eastview students, some of whom had just arrived home for the Chinese New Year vacation. They were here to stand by and comfort their old school friend, Li Yu Sen. These marched near the front of the procession, with the male mourners, the drum corps and banner-bearers leading. Hwang Chang Lih, one of the friends supported the mourning son.

The coffin was covered with a red, embroidered satin cloth spread over a large frame. The long poles which held it, and to which carrying poles were attached in back and front, had each a dragon head, fashioned from bamboo and many colored paper, and in back a dragon tail. A large white phoenix rode on top of the coffin, nodding its paper head toward roofs and sky, and fluttering its paper wings.

A table with roofs like a small temple carried Mother Li's picture in the procession. Lengths of beautiful silk, gifts from friends, bearing character inscriptions of Christian or sympathetic import were carried as banners.

Two lengths of white cloth, one on either side of the coffin, extended backward to the end of the line. By walking inside of the aisle thus formed, the participants were kept

together on the narrow, crowded streets.

All of the street crowd separated to let the funeral go by as the drum corps announced it, for the coffin with its carriers took most of the street space. To the east end of the city on the main street, and back to the west end on the lower one, then up the hill to the cemetery the procession wended its way.

After the Christian service, in which three large decorated circles, made of bamboo and paper, and bearing a character each, were dropped into the grave at the words "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust," all of the paper trimmings, including many of the

paper flowers which we all wore, were burned in the grave.

The coffin was lowered later, when most of the friends had departed.

Many of these customs would be strange in America, yet are comforting to the Oriental. But Christianity has always put on some of the garb and taken over some of the customs of the people to whom it was introduced. So we are not surprised at occasional innovations, but rejoice to see a people accept Christianity as a religion of their very own.

Shenchow, Hunan, China.

Impressions of Day Nursery Work in Japan

Conducted in Miyagi Prefecture under the direction of Rev. Frank L. Feserman

OH, the happy meetings! When I look back upon the past two weeks with the children who have been brought up in beautiful harmony with nature, spreading their wings full with pleasure, I am only filled with thanksgiving, thinking that I was given more than I gave the children.

I believe that it was due to the guidance of God that I could bring about such successful results, though at first I began to work with uneasiness. The programme for each day called for folk dancing, singing, handwork, drawing, stories, and games. And now each of the children hold a pleasant memory for me.

As for the children, they awaited lunch time patiently each day. Immediately after washing their hands, they opened their lunch boxes. They always ate without looking aside, picking up each grain of boiled rice which they dropped, and not wasting even one. Here a small five year old boy was opening the cloth wrapper (furoshiki) by himself, and then afterwards wrapping the lunch box up again. Seeing this I thought how good it was that they could be taught to do these things for themselves, instead of always depending on their mothers too much.

During this season I especially felt the need of greater preparation and study in order to know how to lead them better next time. I pray God's blessing upon the Day Nursery which shall again be opened next year.

SACHIKO NAKANOME.

(Miss Nakanome assisted in the Day Nursery at Ishinomori, where more than a hundred pupils were enrolled. The Primary School was used.)

As a member of the Matsuyama Church, I want to express my thanks for the Day Nursery which was held in our church from October 6th to the 16th, which was a very busy season for the farmers. The parents of the children and the people of the town are very thankful for the Day Nursery. I feel that it is especially good that through the School, little children began to be familiar with the church atmosphere, and began to come to Sunday School. In playing with them, I had the experience of feeling that I was unworthy to be their teacher, and was taught many things by them.

Believing that the Day Nursery caused them to know God, and introduced Christianity to the town in a practical way as well, I want to again express my deep thanks for the other teachers who were sent, and for those who made it possible, hoping that it may be opened once more next Autumn.

SUMIKO MONIWA.

(Miss Moniwa is a member of the Matsuyama Church in which the Day Nursery was held. She assisted in the work each day.)

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When a Day Nursery was rather unexpectedly opened in this village (Nanakita), where there is no social-educational institution of any kind for the children, I realized that it was quite an essential thing for the people. Due to the great number of interested families in the village, more than 50 children were sent, most of whom attended regularly. As a result of this school, I found that the manners of the children were better at the close, and they were much more polite in greeting one another.

Every farmer expressed gratitude for the Day Nursery, as it enabled them to work during the day without giving any particular worry about their children, thereby getting much more done. They wish that it could be opened again next year, and I am sure that they will come in even greater numbers.

HARUYO HAYASAKA.

(Miss Hayasaka was recently baptized in one of our churches in Sendai. She lives in Nanakita where the Nursery was held. She also assists regularly in the Sunday School there once a week.)

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I wish to thank you for the privilege of working for two weeks, though the time seemed brief, in the Day Nursery. As this was the first experience for me I felt rather uneasy about the work, and at the same time I felt my great responsibility.

Thinking of the past two weeks, I feel that it was quite instructive to me. Every day I played and sang with these innocent children. The number of children was about 70. At first we were not familiar with each other, and found it difficult to spend a long day together from morning till evening. The children who have been brought up around here by very busy farmer parents are for the most part left to run wild. But they were very innocent and docile children, and not at all difficult to lead. In a few days they became quite familiar with us and we could play and sing merrily together.

The country people do not know Christianity, but I believe that wherever such schools are held, the teaching and actions of the leaders will be closely watched. Without realizing it, the two weeks slipped by, and I regretted that the pleasant times had come to an end. I am sure that if such a Nursery School can be held every year it will render great service to the farmers, especially the mothers, who are too busy to take care of their own children, and in this way the kingdom of God will be brought into their hearts.

A TEACHER WHO GAVE NO NAME.

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One of the most pleasant remembrances of this year was that I could help in the Day Nursery at Shinden. I was very glad to play with the children for four weeks in spring and autumn.

Every morning when I got out of the electric car, I was received by the cheerful faces of the children who had been waiting for me about an hour. They were such poor chil-

dren that things like a victrola, swing, sliding board, dolls, and books were quite uncommon. It moved me to tears to see the joy it brought to the children to be able to use such things. Though they were not orderly at first, they soon became quiet even when we prayed to God. I want to thank you for starting such social work in this remote village, and I am filled with gratitude because I could help a little in such noble work. We should pray sincerely that from these tender buds, strong plants will come. We feel very keenly that we, as Christians, have many things to do for these people of the villages who are both spiritually and materially poor.

In closing, I want to once more thank God, Mr. Fesperman, and the kind foreign friends who willingly gave that such work could be done.

MICHIKO KAJIWARA.

(Miss Kajiwara is a daughter of the late Professor Kajiwara of the Seminary, and assisted in the village of Shinden, near Sendai.)

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In the autumn when the harvest season comes around I see the children of hard working farmers playing alone nearby the rice fields. They are all very poorly dressed. Those who are five or six years old often take care of the houses while the parents are in the fields. They have not enough to eat, and no dolls to play with. How eagerly these little tots yearn for the warm hearts and hands of friends! It is very necessary that they be loved and nurtured. Those who live in the towns and cities fail to understand the living conditions of the farmers who are too busy to take care properly of their own children. In this age, the villagers do not live in a spiritual atmosphere. The greatest sorrow that can come to people is to be ignorant of God's love. I feel keenly that I must make them know this love, and it is only possible through service to society.

I, together with the children, wish to thank the Reformed Church in the United States, the pastors and church members, who work hard to share with us the love of Christ. To those of us whose eyes are kindled with hope, the poster on the gate "Day Nursery of the Church of Christ in Japan" looks encouraging. And if you were to see the little children running around in the playground every day with such happy expressions on their faces, you would readily understand what it means to them.



DAY NURSERY AT ISHINOMORI, JAPAN
Rev. Miki Bannai, Pastor

Every morning and afternoon when the children are assembled to receive their cakes, they are brimming over with joy as they express their thanks to God together. This spirit of happiness soon overflows into a simple hymn which the teachers have taught them. Surely, God is placing His hands upon these children and causing them to play together in the spirit of love, and I pray with all my heart that they may be cleansed of their original tendencies to go astray, and be led to a knowledge of God.

In the evening when I had returned to my lodging house, I thanked our Heavenly Father for the privilege of teaching, and asked His guidance for the coming day. Now the time of harvest is drawing to a close, and as the Christmas season comes nearer, I am ever more thankful that we can find in Christ the greatest gift to mankind.

MUNE SATO.

(Miss Sato is a country girl, a daughter of a village mayor, and beginning with April will take up studies in Miyagi College preparing herself for full time Christian service as a Woman Evangelist.)

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As I had entirely no experience to nurse many children, I went to *Shinden machi* with

great uneasiness. But when I found lovely boys and girls who had been waiting for me since early morning, I could not help but resolve that instead of a teacher I must be a good mother for them and love them without any favoritism.

Their songs made me forget my trouble. Their babble sounded very pleasant. However, they quarreled with each other and cried very often, they made it up at once. How innocent children they were! Most of them liked to cut out pretty pictures from magazines, using small scissors.

Taking care of them at the field or inside the room, I thanked God to have such a happy time. My heart was being filled by great gladness and energy for two weeks.

AKI KONNO.

(Miss Konno is a graduate of the English Department of Miyagi College, and wrote the above in English, which was copied as written.)

When men are convinced of the futility of their own achievements; when, baffled and discouraged, they lift their hearts and souls to the Creator and cry to Heaven for deliverance, then the great days of religion will come.

—RICHARD H. L. SHEPPARD.

Men and Missions

JOHN M. G. DARMS, EDITOR

Hats Off

To tip one's hat to women is a deserving courtesy on the part of gentlemen, and they delight in doing it.

Some men do it graciously, others awkwardly, but all of them, knowingly or unknowingly, are moved with a sense of chivalry.

Somehow men expect women to be worthy of this tribute.

And, most certainly, the women of our Woman's Missionary Society, officers and members, national and local, who have proven their interest and loyalty to the missionary enterprise of our Church through fifty years of productive service, are worthy of the tribute the men of the Churchmen's Brotherhood, and of the Church, so willingly offer them at this anniversary occasion.

It took real grit and grace and hard work to come through these fifty years and through the depression with unabated zeal and undiminished strength.

That was a test of their solidarity and spiritual powers.

The many achievements of these fifty years, written into the history of the Church and Kingdom and engraved through increased physical possessions of the Church, at home and abroad, are real monuments to the faith and working spirit of our women.

And if we consider that practically only 20% of the women of the Church are actually enrolled and enlisted in the cause of the Woman's Missionary Society, it is remarkable proof of the *potential* powers of Christian women.

Of course, many men were "home partners," or "purse partners," in the enterprise; but, after all, the work was done and the gifts were given by our women.

What an example to the men of the Church! And how we should bestir ourselves and develop our men's organization for like service!

But to accomplish this, we must do more than take our hats off.

We must TAKE OUR COATS OFF and roll up our sleeves and get down to real missionary work.

Here's the challenge and now is the time to combine for actual work in the Kingdom enterprises of our Church.

The women have a great respect for men when they see them with their coats off, their

sleeves rolled up and toiling industriously at the task they have set out to do.

May we men make this anniversary occasion a starting point for greater missionary zeal and work, and start out to match the women of the Woman's Missionary Society. More than that, may we take more seriously the marching orders of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Commander-in-chief: "Go YE!"

And if we surpass the women, they will graciously give way to us and say: "Thank God. That is what we have been wanting to see all along. Now we, too, feel ourselves strengthened, for we have real partners in the world's greatest enterprise."

Somehow the women feel that the men of the Church should be out in front and be the real leaders in missionary enterprise.

Spending Time

Summer time is *spending* time. That's obvious. Everyone knows it and everyone does it.

Vacations, travel, athletics, sports, sweets, pleasures—all are expensive. They cost a lot of dollars and cents, oftentimes, more than we can spare. Or, as the saying goes: "We go to the seashore, the mountains, for a change and a rest, but the waiter gets the change and we get the rest—all that's left of it."

Now, of course, that's not all wrong. Vacationing is wholesome. We need it in our strained life.

But there's not only a limit to this spending at some point in the *fnals*. There should be a *reservation at the beginning*. And we plead for the latter.

Before summer really begins and you start out on your well-earned and greatly-needed rest, think of the business of the Church and the missionary enterprise, which must be kept up in summer as much as in winter. Kingdom work is never "at rest." Salaries, administrative work, must be paid for by our Missionary Boards in July and August as much as when snow flies in January or February.

Spend your summer with a *good conscience*, brother, and *pay your church dues and missionary obligations before you go on your vacation*.

The Woman's Missionary Society

GRETA P. HINKLE, EDITOR

Like the Sound of a Great Amen!

There was a first measure, and many others, before the Great Amen.

NOW that months of preparation have led up to the important June 2nd, it may be well to pause and meditate upon what seem to have been distinctive qualities, which in becoming operative at the date of organization, have worked themselves into the fabric of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod. When history shall be able to record spiritual processes, we may have a true picture of what lies behind the limited vocabulary of speech. Could we have that record of the eventful meeting in the parlor of Grace Reformed Church, Akron, Ohio, June 2nd, 1887, it would depict drama, beyond the simple record in the minutes of the day.

Twenty-five women, sensitive to the plight of God's children, born where gods are wood and stone—twenty-five women, cognizant of the fact that the tendencies of the times were toward organization among women—twenty-five women, courageous enough to be considered "radical"—their names make the Honor Roll for the Anniversary Year we have just entered. Out of the alchemy of convictions which motivated the twenty-five women, God opened the way for the first half century of service through the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Reformed Church.

Guide posts along the years show changes in leadership, in methods, in scope of interests, in increased membership, in expansion of service,—not only changes, but progress. The first twenty-five years moved forward in orderly, normal advances, with increase in the number of societies and gifts. With the approach of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary—observed during the Ninth Triennial Meeting, May 18th, Trinity Church, Canton, Ohio—interest was stimulated through special programs, an Anniversary Offering, and the reports of the Women's Foreign Missionary Jubilee. The stimuli of the "Jubilee" have never become out-worn, but rather have become more active with the years. The circumstances of the "Jubilee" had brought for-

ward statesman-like women in Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, Mrs. Lucy Peabody and others. The nation-wide series of meetings drew into their preparations hundreds of Reformed Church women who learned first-hand the value of "Working Together." For the Golden Jubilee, Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery wrote "Western Women in Eastern Lands." This publication gave an impetus to Mission Study, and Mission Study brought new life into the Woman's Missionary Society. Members found themselves following world currents of thought in far-away lands and revelations of "bad places" in America. Missionary Education was the eye-opener for hundreds of women who had thought their school days were in the past. Information bred inspiration and more generous gifts. Written large in our retrospect are—two key thoughts: developing missionary-mindedness in women of the Reformed Church and working with missionary-minded women of the world. These are the elements which have cleared themselves in the fifty years since the historic meeting June 2, 1887, and, in the words of our motto, we can say, "*Hereunto have ye been called.*" At times I wish we might have selected as the designating title for Anniversary Year "Golden Anniversary"—the event is Golden—precious as no other Anniversary of the future can be. Entering into the joy of this occasion are living memories of events and people. For future anniversaries we shall have to depend upon the printed page.

Because of the fact that the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod has opened channels to reach every woman in the local society with leaflets, messages and books—because through this education, women have become minded to civic righteousness, international understanding, world peace—the inaugural for the Fiftieth Anniversary could take no other form than an all-together Service of Appreciation "Building Through The Decades." In worship, memory and acknowledgment, the quarter

million women of our Churches opened the Anniversary portals. Woman's Missionary Societies from Massachusetts to California, from the northwest to the middle south, united on the evening of June 2nd in a paean of praise for what God had wrought in

them and through them . . . a great chorus of grateful women, pouring out their thanksgiving for the accumulated blessings of the years—and the Glory and Praise was like unto the sound of a Great Amen.

FLORA R. LENTZ.

Reminiscences After Fifty Years

AS we go through life, we are always admonished to "Look forward, not backward. Look upward not downward." Even the Apostle Paul, in his letters to the Philippians, urged them to forget the things which are behind and press forward to the things which are before. Sometimes, however, it is a good thing for one to glance backward as we go forward—not to brood over the things which "might have been", but to note the good things that have been done, and take encouragement and hope for the things of the future.

The small band of women, who in response to the invitation from General Synod to meet with them with a view to organizing a General Society were almost entirely unknown to each other and, being entertained at different homes and hotels, did not meet until Thursday morning, June 2, 1887, when they assembled in the Sunday school room of Grace Church. A very gracious welcome was extended to them by Mrs. R. C. Zartman of Wooster, Ohio, president of the nearest Woman's Missionary Society.

Mrs. S. B. Yockey led the devotional hour, after which the society was organized with Mrs. Yockey as President. Sometime before our meeting on June 2, the Executive Committee of Pittsburgh Synodical Society (the only district organization then in existence) urged Mrs. Yockey to present the cause of "Woman's Work in the Church" to General Synod, who set aside Thursday evening for this great event. The most lasting impression of the organization day is this address of Mrs. Yockey to General Synod. On the platform with her sat Mrs. H. M. Herman, Vice-President of our new Society, Dr. Van Horne, Dr. Swander and Dr. Weiser, the latter presiding. The large auditorium was filled with anxious listeners—many ministers and elders having to stand during the service. So quiet and interested was the large audience that one minister remarked "you could almost have heard a pin drop." This



MRS. R. ELLA HAHN

The only living Charter Member of the
W. M. S. G. S.

address was well received and commented upon throughout the church. It created quite a sensation among some of our non-progressive people and was an innovation in the life and work of our church—"a woman in the pulpit"! As an appreciation of our advance step in the life of the church, the offering of \$48.50, taken after Mrs. Yockey's address, was handed to our Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Keller.

Two committees were appointed—one in the interest of Home Missions, and the other of Foreign Missions. We parted for our homes on Friday morning with feelings of thanksgiving to God for the opportunity that had come to women, and gratitude to our brother ministers who had welcomed us to a real place in the work of the church.

R. ELLA HAHN (Mrs. F. B.).

Our Honored Twenty-Five

The list of those who were present at the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod in Grace Church, Akron, June 2, 1887

Mrs. S. B. Yockey, Xenia, Ohio
 Mrs. H. M. Herman, Miamisburg, Ohio
 Mrs. A. K. Zartman, Goshen, Indiana
 Mrs. J. M. Evans, Elk Lick, Somerset County, Pa.
 Mrs. E. D. Wettach, Anselma, Chester County, Pa.
 Mrs. R. C. Zartman, Wooster, Ohio
 Mrs. J. A. Keller, Hartville, Ohio
 Mrs. S. S. Kohler, Belbend, Luzerne County, Pa.
 Mrs. Jonas Shontz, Akron, Ohio
 Mrs. Dorothy Hilbert, Akron, Ohio
 Mrs. J. Henry Brown, Wichita, Kansas

Mrs. G. W. Henning, Osnaburg, Ohio
 Mrs. R. Bell, Columbiana, Ohio
 Mrs. F. B. Hahn, Meadville, Pa.
 Mrs. Sol Ream, Uniontown, Ohio
 Mrs. P. Keil, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Miss Jean Craig, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Miss Etta K. Prugh, Butler, Pa.
 Miss Annie Seibert, Harrisburg, Pa.
 Mrs. J. Kern, Sagertown, Pa.
 Mrs. J. C. Lackey, Milton, Iowa
 Mrs. C. W. Truxal, Meyersdale, Pa.
 Mrs. Marcus Bachman, Baltimore, Md.
 Mrs. G. D. Leonard, Akron, Ohio
 Mrs. R. Waltz, Akron, Ohio

The Organization Meeting

THE records say "After appropriate devotional services, and the enrollment of delegates, the following officers were elected for a term of three years: President, Mrs. S. B. Yockey; Vice Presidents, Mrs. H. M. Herman, and Mrs. J. M. Evans; Secretary, Mrs. A. K. Zartman; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. D. Wettach; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Keller."

"Endeavors were made to perfect the organization so far as possible. Committees were appointed to serve in the different departments of work until the next regular meeting.

"The Executive Committee consists of the officers and three following persons in addition: Mrs. I. N. Burger, Jenner X. Roads, Westmoreland County, Pa.; Mrs. R. S. Dotterer, Philadelphia; Mrs. R. Bell, Columbiana, Ohio.

"The following ladies were appointed to prepare a constitution: Miss Jean Craig, Mrs. P. Keil, and Miss Etta Prugh—this committee to report at the next regular meeting of the Society."

Two committees were decided upon and appointed—one on Home Missions and one on Foreign Missions. The latter took action that "for the present all funds raised by the different Ladies' Missionary Societies for Foreign Missions be applied to the building of a school house for girls at Sendai, Japan, and for the support of our Missionaries there." The Home Missions Committee was instructed "to present a request to the Board of Home Missions of General Synod asking that they designate some special Mission

point to be taken under the care of the Woman's Missionary Society and to the support of which this society shall apply such of its funds as shall be contributed" for this purpose.

From the Minutes of the Home Mission Board

This committee was appointed on June 2, 1887. It evidently acted at once, for under date of June 6, 1887, in the handwritten minutes of the Board of Home Missions this appears: "The announcement was officially made that a Woman's Missionary Society of the Reformed Church in the United States had been organized since the meeting of this Synod. It is constituted in two departments for work, a Home and a Foreign Work Committee.

"A paper from Mrs. R. C. Zartman, Chairman, and Mrs. G. W. Henning, Sec'y of the Home Work Department, was presented, requesting this Board to 'designate and recommend some special missionary point to be taken under their care' and toward the support of which they might apply the funds they may secure for Home Mission Work.

"After mature deliberation, it was resolved to grant said request and that Sioux City, Iowa, be named to them as a suitable place.

"The Secretary was instructed to communicate this action to the Ladies presenting the application."

Special Gifts

Even in their earliest days, the societies gathered funds for special gifts and the following note from the Minutes of July 10, 1889, of the Board of Home Missions shows with what zeal this group must have been at work:

"A letter from Miss M. E. Gromley, Cor. Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Reformed Church of Lancaster,

Pa., informing us that they would have from \$100 to \$125 for Home Missions and asked that some point be named to which their funds may be sent. In response, the Secretary was directed to express the thanks of this Board to the Ladies and request them to send their money to the Treasurer of our Board for the support of the Damascus Mission, Lena, Ill., of which Rev. Jos. Sechler is the missionary."

Mrs. Yockey's Message at the First Triennial Meeting

From her President's Address at Lebanon, Pa., in 1890

AFTER a beautiful summary of the challenge of missions in general, Mrs. Yockey said, "While this obligation is recognized as resting upon all Christians in a general way, there have been many, and are yet some, perhaps even in our own church, who think it was given exclusively to the brethren. They recognize no responsibility on the part of the women of the church to missions. They see no advantage to be derived from Woman's Missionary Societies, particularly from Classical and Synodical organizations. They think—I quote now from one of the letters of objection which I have received since the organization of this society—that 'women are certain to drift into unbecoming positions before promiscuous assemblies.' I consider this an extraordinary statement in view of the fact that in these 'promiscuous assemblies', viz. Classical and Synodical Missionary meetings, the masculine portion is composed almost exclusively of ministers and elders of the Reformed Church. The women themselves entertain quite a different view. They have always believed that this association with the best educated and most devoted servants of the

church would benefit them mentally and spiritually, and thus better fit them for the work of the Master. Where indeed, *could* we look for the highest examples of Christian courtesy if not to these brethren of our own church? Those who object to woman's work in the church have surely overlooked the commission given to the faithful women at the tomb, first by the angel, "Go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen", and a little later by Jesus himself. While these women 'did run'—mark their willing obedience and joyful haste!—they met Jesus."

From the President's Report—1890

"The Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod has, as a society, little money to report, having received into its treasury but \$529.18 since its organization. *Many of the societies sent their money direct to the Board Treasurers.* It must be remembered, however, that the main object of this society is not to raise money, but to disseminate missionary intelligence throughout the church; to arouse the interest and unite the efforts of the women of the church in mission work, both home and foreign; and finally, to effect its complete organization for such work."

"Have always read THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS with keen interest. Wish every member of the W. M. S. would read it. I am sure they would receive spiritual uplift."

MRS. H. M. LEIDY, Manheim, Pa.

"If THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS stopped coming, I would miss it very much."

MRS. HENRY VOGEL, St. Mary's, Ohio.

"I'm receiving THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS ever since the first issue and can't do without it. It is interesting and instructive."

MISS ANNA SAYLOR, W. Reading, Pa.

Doesn't This Sound Like 1937?

From the October 1891 issue of the Woman's Journal

"We hear the complaint of draining a country or community of needed funds. Listen to the telephone of the ages, 'Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor?' Would it have been? The blessing of missions is that it is the work

of the Church. Why was it not completed before this age? Because this age needs to do it. Missions *now* are a test of Christian character. The Church needs a touch of heroism in it. Is the cross an ornament or the declaration of a principle?"

Compliments

From the October 1891 Woman's Journal

"The time once was, when a woman's soul might be fed and nourished for about seven weeks on a nicely worded compliment from one of the cultured 'lords of creation'. But in this 'transition period of the world's history' her intellectual capacity has developed to such an extent, that her soul demands more substantial food upon which to subsist.

"Consequently our speakers make a great mistake when called upon to make an address on some subject that concerns woman and her mission in this world, if they suppose that all that is needed is a neat little package of confections, to be distributed at pleasure. What she wants is good, substantial nerve-

producing, life-sustaining food,—and this food need not differ materially from that which is prepared for men.

"Like her brother, she will not be indifferent to a few bonbons after she has first been regaled with something more strengthening. But when our orators undertake to satisfy her intellectual cravings and strengthen her soul for the every-day duties of life by giving her a 'square meal' of 'taffy' it not only becomes distasteful, but absolutely nauseating to some. Good, healthful food is what we want."

ONE WHO FEELS THE NEED OF IT

Before the Day of Program Packets

From the Woman's Journal, 1892

Just suppose we'd have to go back to the day of searching hither and yon for suitable subjects and then gathering all the resource data before beginning to work on the monthly program of our society. How fortunate we are to have so much current information and other material assembled for our selection. Back in 1892 such was not the case: From a letter to the Woman's Journal from Mrs. Geo. F. Bareis, Canal Winchester, Ohio, dated April 22, 1892, "Mrs. . . ., I should like to

make a suggestion in regard to the Woman's Journal if I may be allowed to do so; that is that space in it be given for the publication of such material as will be a help in preparing programs for Missionary Meetings. We think the great question 'What shall we have for our next program' is one of the greatest draw-backs to the success of societies. Many would gladly spend the amount necessary for purchasing good exercises if they only knew what to get"

Report Blanks

Already in 1893 uniform reports are seen to be necessary and on July 21, 1893, "it was unanimously agreed to have uniform

tabulated blank forms (of report) for Classical, District Synodical and General Synodical Societies."

"Having taken THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS ever since it was given that name, I hope that I may continue to take it for the rest of my life, and that the merged Church will learn to appreciate it and give it hearty support."

MISS HELEN L. BARNHART, York, Pa.

Remarkable Growth

From the accounts and reports of the Second Triennial Meeting in Reading, in 1893

“Auxiliary to the W. M. S. G. S. there are 4 Synodical Societies, 25 Classical Woman’s Missionary Societies, 144 Congregational Woman’s Missionary Societies, and a number of others in which men, women and children are working together. The W. M. S. G. S. has raised about \$25,000 in the last three years, and \$10,000 in the last year; one-third for Foreign Missions and two-thirds for Home Missions.

“Nine Classical Societies have been organized in the last three years, and 112 congregational societies.

“There are over 5,000 women in societies auxiliary to the W. M. S. G. S. and about 10,000 women in all of the societies. There are in all, according to reports received from 200 ministers, 333 congregational societies which have gathered for mission work in the

last three years over \$32,000, one-third for Foreign Missions and two-thirds for Home Missions.”

Editor’s note—It seems as though the term “congregational societies” in this report, indicates what we speak of today as “local societies.”

From the July 1893 Woman’s Journal—“One of the greatest surprises to us during the missionary convention at Reading (1893) was the development of the women, both intellectually and spiritually. There was an unlooked-for readiness to take hold, to move upward and onward, notwithstanding obstacles. There was no holding back whether in assuming of new work or in the discussion of questions.” (*Written by Mrs. M. E. Whitmore, President of the W. M. S. G. S., and Editor of the Woman’s Journal.*)

Twenty-One Years of Age

The Woman’s Journal of August 1908 contains this item concerning the General Synodical Meeting of that year:

“This eighth Triennial Meeting of the society is an innovation in our existence. Heretofore the W. M. S. G. S. has always met at the same time and place as the General Synod itself.

“The invitation from Akron, O., having been recalled, General Synod was invited to meet May 19th, in Trinity Reformed Church, at York, Pa., but our society was not included in the invitation, so there was nothing left for us to do but to look about and wonder who might be good enough to extend the ‘helping hand’. But we did not have long to wait for a most cordial invitation was extend-

ed to us by the pastor and people of St. Mark’s Church and the Reformed people of Lebanon, Pa., which was submitted to the executive committee and promptly accepted with our sincerest thanks and appreciation of their kindness. We felt that it was indeed a new departure which might keep some of our delegates from attending and create additional expense for the convention. We have come to the conclusion that, being twenty-one years of age and old enough to vote, we should be able to walk alone. We believe it is a sure sign of a healthy growth to be able to hold our meetings independently and that it will bring our work into greater prominence. We are now making the experiment.”

Contrasts

Extracts of remarks made at the Triennial Meeting in Lebanon in 1908, by Dr. Zartman, whose wife was the one who welcomed the other 24 women assembled at Akron for the organization meeting in 1887.

“During this large and interesting convention I have been thinking much of contrasts. I have been contrasting what you were as a society eighteen years ago with what you are today.

“In 1890 the Triennial Convention of this society was held here in Lebanon. That was really your first Triennial Convention. Now

after a lapse of eighteen years you are meeting again in Lebanon, in this magnificent St. Mark’s Church. It was my privilege to be at your meeting in this city eighteen years ago, and I rejoice to be present at this inspiring meeting. You have grown, you have made splendid progress, the Lord has very greatly used, honored and blessed your so-

ciety in its endeavors and labors. What a contrast between then and now! Then, eighteen years ago, it was a warmly mooted question whether Synodical recognition and sanction should be given to your society. It is different now. General Synod now heartily approves of your society and its work, commends you for what you have done, wishes you Godspeed, and expresses the sincere hope that you may extend your work and enlarge your usefulness. General Synod, in its domestic and foreign mission work, finds your thousands of dollars mightily helpful and hopes there will be more of them in the coming three years. General Synod finds also that your organized labors disseminate missionary information, spread about the missionary spirit and therefore in many ways help forward the great work of the Church, to preach the Gospel to every creature.

"Last week General Synod at York, Pa., upon the recommendation of both its Home and Foreign Mission Boards heartily adopted resolutions commending your work as a society and expressing its appreciation of what you have accomplished. It was my pleasure to offer the motion, that those resolutions be transmitted to you by the corresponding

secretary of General Synod, who is the pastor of this church in which you are meeting. Eighteen years ago you women had scant liberty in the pulpit; we had then an open pulpit for the men of the Church; today we have an open pulpit for the women of the church, for you ladies occupy the pulpit here in the presentation of your papers and addresses, I am reminded of the words of Virgil, when he exclaims: 'O tempora, O mores, mirabile dictu!' (O times, O customs, wonderful to tell!)

"Eighteen years ago you had only a few scattered and struggling societies; now you have many and strong organizations, Synodical, Classical, and Congregational. Then you had but few members, now you have thousands of earnest workers. Then you were raising money by hundreds of dollars, now you gather it by the thousands. Is not the contrast truly great and marvelous! I bring to your attention these facts for your encouragement. Great have been your achievements in the past, and I pray and I believe and I know that they will be far greater in the future. May God bless and prosper you most abundantly in the coming years!"

REV. RUFUS C. ZARTMAN, D.D.

A Founder's Day Service

IN 1923 in connection with the Triennial Convention then in session at Dayton, Ohio, the *OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS* tells us of a long to be remembered service:

"It was Founder's Day and many were present to pay tribute to Mrs. Elvira S. Yockey, who forty-six years ago founded the first Woman's Missionary Society of our Reformed Church at Xenia, O., where her husband was then pastor.

"At the recognition service, presided over so graciously by our former President, Mrs. W. R. Harris, Mrs. Yockey occupied a prominent place on the platform, together with the several remaining officers and members of that first society.

"Greetings were brought by representatives of our various boards, missionaries on furlough, representatives from the Mission Boards of the United Brethren and Christian Churches, and our colleges, Ursinus, Hood and Cedar Crest. Dean Park, of Heidelberg, who brought the greetings of Mrs. Yockey's Alma Mater, said in part:

"A mother loves her children and is proud

of them. Alma Mater is no exception to this rule. . . Heidelberg is happy to extend to you her greeting, Mrs. Yockey. "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." It is our hope that all the graduates of our beloved college may have the same high ideals of service.'

"Mrs. Almeda Gowdy, of Xenia, brought greetings of that society where Mrs. Yockey rendered a long and loving service, . . . Mrs. Yockey closed the meeting with a most touching reference to the influence of her sainted mother, who created in her early life a deep interest in missions.

"The afternoon session was closed with the Benediction by Dr. S. B. Yockey . . . That night Dr. and Mrs. Yockey were the guests of honor at a beautifully appointed banquet.

"It was a happy, helpful occasion, and we realized as never before the words of Isabella Thoburn, 'We are not in the world to be ministered unto, but to minister. The world is full of need, and every opportunity to help is a duty.'"

An Appreciation

THE Lord of the vineyard passed through one day,
His stewards he questioned: "Now tell me, pray,
How find I here this goodly vine;
This yield of grapes, of honey, and wine?"

"Where once the soil was hard and bare
This harvest abounds, through someone's care;
This fruit, this vintage, is pleasing to me;
This faithful steward I fain would see.

"Who is this one? Doth any here know?
A special honor I would bestow."
A servant made answer: "Dear Lord, approve,
This is a woman's labor of love.

"Without great strength nor special skill
She planted this vine and tended it, till
It flourished and bore in this empty place,
Giving out beauty, riches and grace.

"From small beginnings, an hundred-fold
Shall accrue to thee, when all is told,
—And thy serving woman now awaits
Some word of our Master, at the gates."

No longer was day at the morn. The sun
His flaming course had well nigh run.
Noontide was fading to eventide;
But the western sky was canopied.

With golden streamers and rosy hues
That penetrated the deeper blues.
The Lord of the vineyard softly spake:
"This laurel branch to my servant take.

"She hath done what she could", and I command
A share in my kingdom to such, I send,
And that calmness of spirit, which only is won
By him who has nobly overcome.

"Though service direct is sometimes denied,
Life's labor may still be glorified.
Bear these gifts and these words to the outer gate:
"They also serve who only stand and wait."

This appreciation was written by Elizabeth T. Flynn, who was for many years closely associated with Mrs. Yockey in the Reformed Church of Xenia, Ohio. It appeared in the July, 1923, OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS.

Elvira S. Yockey (Mrs. S. B.)

Mrs. Flynn writing some years ago said of Mrs. Yockey: "The work of the Woman's Missionary Societies of our Reformed Church originated and continued through the courage, enthusiasm and vision of Mrs. S. B. Yockey . . .

"Mrs. Yockey came to the Reformed Church upon her marriage to Mr. Yockey in 1869, from the Methodist Episcopal Church, the church of her mother and her girlhood. She brought with her ambition, energy and enthusiasm for the work of the Christian Church at large. Doubtless to one of her temperament, the Reformed Church must have seemed extremely conservative, especially in its attitude toward women's work. The women of other denominations had become interested in missions and were organizing for work. This impressed Mrs. Yockey. With characteristic energy she began efforts to arouse this interest in the church of her adoption.

"She says she cannot remember when her mother was not deeply interested in the spread of Christianity; that she always had something laid by for missionary collections. These ideas descended upon her daughter.

"As the wife of an active pastor, Mrs. Yockey was early impressed with the need of



ELVIRA S. YOCKEY (Mrs. S. B.)

systematic work for missions among the women. The first year of her marriage, 1869, Mr. Yockey made the first public suggestion of organized women's work for missions, at the Ohio Synod at Delaware. The suggestion did not take root at that time, but the idea did not die, and on February 20, 1877, through Mrs. Yockey's efforts, the first Woman's Missionary Society in our Church was organized at Xenia, Ohio.

"... This early work was by no means as simple as it sounds, and keeping the work going must have been a burdensome task many times for Mrs. Yockey who was a busy wife and mother with days already full. There were no telephones then, no automobiles or typewriters to save valuable time and strength. The work of organizing and promoting the early societies was done by a large correspondence, pen written, and by visits and speeches. The writing necessary, such as letters, reports, pleas, addresses, was done largely by Mrs. Yockey after an already exacting day. Many copies of the first constitution were sent out and numerous helps.

"It seems almost laughable now to know that hundreds of letters of protest were received from persons all over the Church, many of whom were opposed to the new movement as too aggressive and unbecoming the dignity of our women. The protests all came from the men. Universally the women were willing, but they were lacking in confidence and training, and without printed helps and

literature. Nevertheless, from the first, the movement prospered, doubtless beyond the founder's fondest expectations.

"How stagnant we should become were it not for the great enthusiasts in life, who lift us up above the level so that we reach higher ground?"

"... Some years ago, in the light of this success, Mrs. Yockey tells me they took a bushel basket full of letters of protest they had formerly received and burned them in their base-burner that the sins of these honest gentlemen might be remembered against them no more.

"... In addition to this work, Mrs. Yockey served for six years as Editor of our Primary Sunday School leaflet, when being editor meant furnishing every word of material used. This work, too, was mostly done at night. It is not surprising that Mrs. Yockey's eyes, never strong, suffered under the strain." During the last twenty years of her life, Mrs. Yockey was afflicted with total blindness. "Cut off from the world of beauty and the world of books, both of which she so greatly enjoyed, she had the same interest in people, the same energy and will to do that always characterized her. She learned to write well upon a typewriter she never saw and was active and interested in all movements for humanity."

The later years of her life were spent at Springfield, Ohio, where she died on June 18, 1926.



A GROUP OF CHINESE WOMEN GIVEN CHRISTIAN TRAINING IN CLASSES CONDUCTED BY MISS ZIERDT AND MRS. HILGEMAN IN HYGIENE; MISS FLATTER, MUSIC; AND MISS LIU AND MISS WEIL, BIBLE

Life Members and Members in Memoriam

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West Ohio Classis—Mrs. Louis Huenke, New Bremen, O.

In Memoriam

WE mourn with the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Iowa Classis, the death of their president, Mrs. N. W. Boyd of Liscomb, Iowa, on April 9, 1937. Mrs. Boyd was an active worker in all phases of Christian service in her home church as well as in the Classis.

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As one goes through the early records of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod the name of Miss Ruth Nott appears regularly among the outstanding workers in the Northwest. In 1916, upon the resignation of Mrs. John Winter, Miss Nott was challenged to take up the work as Organizer among the German Churches. In succeeding years the title of the office was changed, first to Secretary of Organization in German Synods and then to Secretary of the Central West, but the work went on steadily and effectively under Ruth Nott. For about ten

years she served the church at large in this capacity. As is the case in most pioneer work, her task was chiefly that of breaking the ground and sowing the seed, and although some of the fruits were harvested even in that day, no one will ever know how much of the more abundant fruit of more recent years, was the result of her seed sowing. Later this work was taken up by her sister, Miss Helen Nott, but Ruth was always close beside her in interest and assistance. After many months of serious illness on April 27, Miss Ruth Nott quietly went home to be with the Master whom she loved and served so well.

The Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod extends heartfelt sympathy to the Nott family.

Miss Helen Nott is at present Secretary of the Central West of the W. M. S. G. S., a member of the Merger Commission of the Evangelical Women's Union and the Woman's

Missionary Society, and President of Milwaukee Classical Society.

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Mother Gerhard, the mother and grandmother of missionaries, known and loved throughout the church, passed to life eternal on Friday, May 7, at her home in Lancaster, Pa. Word of this has just reached the office of the Woman's Missionary Society and no details are known. Mrs. Gerhard was one of the first Life Members of the General Synod-

ical Society and her active interest in the extension of Christian service dates back almost to the very beginnings of missionary work in the Reformed Church. The editor cannot remember a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Eastern Synod at which Mother Gerhard was not present either for the entire session or for part of the time. We shall miss her radiant presence and her cheery smile, but we rejoice that she is with the Master whom she so delighted to serve.

Ruth Nott

A CLOUD of sorrow passed over Grace Reformed Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Tuesday, April 27th, when God called home Ruth Nott, daughter of Dr. Henry C. Nott. Just a little over a year ago she underwent a very serious operation and was still in the hospital when her mother passed away. Ruth was able to resume her teaching in one of the public schools of Milwaukee, up to the Christmas holidays. Since then, up to her death, she suffered a great deal. When she realized that she could not get well she showed her beautiful spirit of devotion to her family and consecration to the Heavenly Father in frequent conversations and a quiet peaceful attitude of resignation.

Her going is not only a great loss to her local church but to the church at large as well. She was a devoted member of Grace Church and a leader in all its various branches. The last Sunday she was able to attend she taught her large Bible Class of women. She was a born teacher as well as a fine musician. She began to study the violin when eight years of age and won the gold medal offered by the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music in a contest where she was competing against pupils much older than herself. Ruth's interest in the work of the Woman's Missionary Society dates back to the western itinerary of Mrs. Gertrude Cogan Lyon, who visited Grace Church years ago. Through the friendship of the Nott family with Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Rupp, both she and her sister were encouraged to attend the Collegetville Conference. One of her first public addresses she gave at a sunset service where she paralleled the task of the organization of the women in our section with the chapter heading in our old American History book—"The opening of the Great Northwest." She served as Secretary of the Central

West of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, edited the woman's page in the "Kirchenzeitung" for many years, served as President of the Woman's Missionary Society of Milwaukee Classis and as Recording Secretary and Departmental Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of Northwest Synod, was a Life Member of the Woman's Missionary Society of Milwaukee Classis, Northwest Synod and General Synod.

She took an active part in planning for the Mission House Missionary Conference from the very beginning and served as Program Chairman a number of years, using her experience in education to develop a high standard of Mission Study for this group. We will never know the many lives she has brought closer to Christ through her devoted service. Her influence has touched and will continue to bless our entire Church, east and west. We out here in the Northwest realize that the success of the missionary societies is largely due to her pioneering efforts at a time when women's work in the Church was frowned upon. While our Woman's Missionary Society of Milwaukee Classis was in session at its recent annual meeting in New Glarus, Wis. April 24th, Ruth sent the following message:

"During my illness the truths of our Christian religion have meant much to me. I often think of the many women who must live and die without this comfort. It gives me a feeling of joy and gratitude that I had a small share in bringing the Gospel to some of these women. I challenge you to continue the work of the Woman's Missionary Society."

Ruth was laid to rest Saturday afternoon, May 1st. It was a beautiful day and the throng of mourners expressed in what high esteem she was held not alone in the church and neighborhood but also among the faculty,

colleagues and students of the school where so many years of her life were spent. She had planned her entire funeral service and there was not a sad or mournful strain throughout the service, but rather a peaceful triumphant note and one could almost feel her presence. Dr. Paul Grosshuesch, President of the Mission House College, preached the sermon and Rev. F. W. Knatz of Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, assisted. Ruth was buried at Graceland Cemetery next

to her mother. We left her amidst banks of beautiful flowers, while Mr. Knatz read the hymn:

“Now the laborer’s task is o’er;
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon the farther shore
Lands the voyager at last.
Father in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.”

ELLA LOUISE KLUMB.

Interdenominational Conferences on Missions

June 19-26—Conference Point, on the shore of LAKE GENEVA, Wis., often called the “Blue Galilee” of America. Courses helpful to all church workers are offered with Geneva credits in Bible, Home and Foreign Mission Study for women and young women, also intermediate, junior and primary workers, and a Forum Period covering five subjects with as many leaders; with International Council of Religious Education credits, courses 146 B “Rebuilding Rural America”, 147 B “What is This Moslem World”, and 214 B “Missionary Activities in a Program of Christian Education of Children.”

Speakers and faculty members include Dr. Samuel Guy Inman, Miss Margaret Beveridge; Dr. Ann Barbara Gray of Burma, India; Dr. Caroline Palmer of Biblical Seminary, New York, City; Mrs. Cuyler Young, Persia; and Mrs. Garret De Jong, Arabia.

For further information address Mrs. Geo. P. Lottich, 3253 Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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June 21-27—WINONA LAKE, Indiana. The Moslem World will be presented by Miss Dalenberg of Arabia and Miss Mary Moore, Young People’s Secretary for the Presbyterian Board. Dr. Litherland, who has specialized in rural education and speaks with authority born of experience, will teach the course on Rural Life in America. Mountain work will be presented by Mrs. Joseph Rodeheaver. A Bible Course will be given by Miss Florence Carman of the Baptist Training School. A Normal Class in Junior Missionary Methods conducted by Mrs. Nystrom, will include a demonstration class of children.

For further information address Mrs. John W. Walter, 1034 Mapleton Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

June 26 - July 3—EAGLESMERE, Pa. Among the leaders and speakers are Miss Margaret Applegarth, Miss Rachel Benfer, Miss Betsy Lee Hopkins, Mrs. Stephen Leshner, Mrs. Virgil B. Sease, Dr. Anne Seesholtz, Miss Mildred Clark Widber, Mrs. Harry E. Woolever and others. The current mission study themes will be presented and discussed, there will be a bible course for adults and one for young women, a class in methods and a normal class. For further information write Miss Muriel C. Post, 907 Lindley Avenue, Logan, Philadelphia, Pa.

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August 15-21—CHAUTAUQUA Institute of World Missions—held at Chautauqua, New York. Theme—Facing Facts and the Future with Christ. Courses: *Recent Development in the Moslem World*. Dr. Herrick B. Young, since 1925 a member of the faculty at Alborz College in Teheran, advisor to the Iranian government in recent school reformation, member Royal Geographic Society, Associated Press contributor from the Near East. *Mecca and Beyond*—Dr. Anna P. White, missionary experience in Egypt, editor of The Woman’s Missionary Magazine of the United Presbyterian Church. *Rebuilding Rural America, A Symposium on the Forgotten Peoples of the World*, and *Finding Facts for Future Programs*, the latter by Dr. Gilbert Q. LeSourd of the Missionary Education Movement. Chaplain for the Week—Rev. Frederick W. Norwood, D.D., former Pastor of the City Temple, London. Chairman, Miss B. Louise Woodford, Director Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies, Summer Address—Candor, New York.

Classical Notes of Interest

AT the meeting of the Westmoreland Classical Society in First Church, Greensburg, Pa., Mrs. Bennett Rask, who has been Classical Treasurer for thirty-eight consecutive years, was honored by having the Church Building Fund, raised by the Classical Society as a part of their Fiftieth Anniversary Gift, named The Sarah Bayne Rask Church Building Fund. Mrs. Rask has been a very active worker in the Woman's Missionary Society for more than fifty years and this honor was richly deserved and greatly appreciated by her.

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At its recent sessions in Canal Winchester, Ohio, Central Ohio Classical Society designated its Fiftieth Anniversary Gift as a Five Hundred Dollar Loan Mary E. Herbster and Helen Bareis Church Building Fund in memory of the Classical and Synodical activities of Mrs. Herbster and Miss Bareis. It was very fitting that Rev. D. A. Winter should offer the dedication prayer, Mr. Winter hav-

ing just completed fifty years' service as an active minister of our denomination. Mrs. Winter and Mrs. Herbster were sisters.

An arrangement was made by the Synodical Society to have Mrs. Paul V. Taylor of Wuchang, China, and Mrs. D. B. Schneder, Sendai, Japan, itinerate through Ohio so that they were available as speakers for all the Classical Meetings. At Canal Winchester, in addition to inspiring addresses from these two, Miss Olive Rohrbaugh, who was reared in the Reformed Church but who went as a missionary to the Philippine Islands under the Presbyterian Board attended this meeting and gave a short talk.

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Potomac Synodical Society arranged an itinerary for Mrs. Sigismund Laky, wife of the pastor of Westside Hungarian Church, Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. Laky spoke at all the Classical Meetings and on numerous other occasions in local churches.

Christian Women in Action

Received too late to be reported last month but in time to be counted in the statistics for the year are these six Woman's Missionary Societies.

In Eastern Synod—A Girl's Missionary Guild in the Bloomsburg Church, Wyoming Classis, was graduated into a Young Woman's Missionary Society with 18 members. Miss Grace E. Edwards, 602 E. 3rd St., is President and Miss Laura Geisinger, 367 E. First Street, is Treasurer. Both are from Bloomsburg, Pa. In Salem Church, Bethel, Pa., Lebanon Classis, a Woman's Missionary Society was organized with 12 charter members. Mrs. Charles Rissinger, Fredericksburg, Pa., is President. Mrs. Helen Lauer, Myerstown, R. 1, Pa., is Treasurer. In Christ Church, Allentown, Pa., Lehigh Classis, a Woman's Missionary Society was organized with 12 charter members. Miss Arlien Hucke, 616 Wyoming St., Allentown, Pa., is President and Miss Elise Fink, 303 N. 6th St., Allentown, Pa., is Treasurer.

From Ohio Synod, East Ohio Classis, I received a report of two new societies. The one in Trinity Church, Canton, is a graduated

Girls' Guild with Miss Marian Machamer, 1119 Walnut Ave., N. E., Canton, Ohio, President. Miss Helen Geltz, 1319 St. Elmo St., N. E., Canton, Ohio, Treasurer. Charter members 21. In Zion's Church, North Canton, Ohio, there is a new Missionary Society of 12 charter members. Mrs. Paul Strausser, 314 S. Main St., and Mrs. Helen Strausser, S. Main St., both of North Canton, are President and Treasurer, respectively.

Northwest Synod adds a new Society to its list; Ebenezer Church, Sheboygan, Wis., organized with 10 charter members. Mrs. George Schmidt, 1618 Heller Ave., Sheboygan, Wis., is President and Mrs. Edgar Gilligan, 432 E. Water St., Sheboygan, is Treasurer.

The members, eighty-five, of these six societies should be greatly blessed because they are traveling this "second mile" in helping to establish a World Christian Community. We heartily welcome each woman into our Fellowship.

CARRIE M. KERSCHNER,

*Secretary Organization and Membership
General Synod*

"I congratulate you on the publication of the most interesting missionary paper I've ever read."

MISS ANNIE REESE, Florin, Pa.

Momentum for the Meeting Materials and Methods

CARRIE M. KERSCHNER

A GARDEN party, a meeting on a porch, in a park or in the woods would seem the most appropriate place for an August meeting. The program prepared by Mrs. P. H. Flynn of the Xenia, Ohio, Society is inspirational and suggestive of "God's first temples." There are no extra copies of either of the August leaflets available.

As we are busily engaged in preparing another series of programs we cannot help but wonder how many program committees have been helped by and have passed on to the Society the definite suggestions in the "Be Conscientious" and "Reading with a Purpose" paragraphs contained on each month's folder.

In compiling reports for the Annual Cabinet meeting, I have become a regular "Alice in Wonderland." Many societies simply do not answer questions. We wonder why? Does it indicate lack of interest? Does it mean that many things considered "essential" for a good functioning society are simply disregarded? I wonder!

Many groups are always looking for simple plays. The latest one to reach my desk is "The Eleventh Mayor" a very fine Peace Pageant which has been mentioned in "The Way" and in a number of other Peace programs and Church papers. Single copies are 30 cents. If the required number of copies, 9 for \$2.00, are purchased, no royalty is charged for the first production. Additional presentations by the same group will be subject to the payment of a royalty of \$1.00 for each presentation. The message is gripping. The cast of characters includes 5 men, 3 women, a Reader and a Messenger. Copies cannot be sent on approval. The second play received is "Under the Skin" and is in two scenes, dedicated to the "host of those who have given their lives for their own Negro people." There are six characters—Mr. and Mrs. Kane, their daughters Winifred, about 22, and Anne, about 16; Alice Jack-

son a missionary from Africa, and Hazel Porter, a Negro nurse who does not appear on the stage. A tastefully furnished living room forms the scene of action. The rendition of the play would be an educational project closing the study of the Negro and African books. The price of the play is 10 cents.

The books listed for reading this month are "The Gentle Art of Making Happy," 60 cents; Missionary Trails, 15 cents; The Flower of Hope, 60 cents; Singing on the Road, \$1.00; Sources of Power in Famous Lives, \$1.00; Peace in the Heart, \$2.50; A Grain of Wheat, \$1.00.

The "Rainbow Series" books mentioned last month will delight children if placed on the Browsing Table in the church. They are most attractive—25 cents, 6 volumes for \$1.25.

Women, girls, and men who are anticipating attendance at a Summer Conference will be glad to learn that three of the Moslem books are off the press. For adults and young people "Mecca and Beyond" by Dr. and Mrs. Edward M. Dodd, 50 cents paper, \$1.00 cloth. (By the way Dr. Dodd is to be one of the speakers at the Hood and Collegeville Missionary Conferences!). For Adults, "What Is This Moslem World" by Dr. Charles M. Watson, paper 60 cents, cloth \$1.00. Another book for Young People, now in stock, is "The Young Moslem Looks at Life" by Murray T. Titus. Paper 60 cents, cloth \$1.00. All of these books contain splendid new maps of the Moslem World.

Miss Evelyn Maus who prepared the program for August for Girls' Guilds suggests the use of either "Consider Africa," 60 cents paper, \$1.00 cloth, or "The Land and Life of Africa," Boards 75 cents, paper 50 cents. Both of these will furnish additional material for the month.

Societies residing in the area of the Eastern Depository order from the Woman's Missionary Society, 416 Schaff Bldg., 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Those residing in the area of the Western Depository order from the Woman's Missionary Society, 2969 W. 25th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

On the Cover

THE symbolic seal containing the likeness of Elvira S. Yockey, organizer of the First Woman's Missionary Society in the Reformed Church and first President of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, was designed by Clara Schneder Burn (Mrs. Casper G.), daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Schneder, of Sendai, Japan.

Message for the Thank Offering Secretary

(To be given at the August Meeting)

AS you know the Thank Offering department has adopted for its slogan for the triennium, "A \$50,000 Thank Offering for our Golden Anniversary." In order to reach that goal it was found that it would be necessary to have an increase of twelve percent for the year which ended last November and a fifteen percent increase for this year.

Our annual report showed that the Woman's Missionary Society achieved this goal but the Girls' Missionary Guild and Mission Band did not, which fact made the total Thank Offering about five hundred dollars short of the goal. If we can make

these two organizations feel that they, as children of the Woman's Missionary Society should help their mother organization celebrate her anniversary, one way they could do this would be by making the desired increase in their Thank Offering.

Only a few months remain for us to work for the attainment of our goal. We must make use of every opportunity to reach it. We dare not fail, for our Anniversary would not be complete without it.

MRS. L. V. HETRICK,
Secretary of Thank Offering General Synodical Society.

Christian Citizens Please Note

THE Gavagan Anti-Lynching bill which was approved by the House of Representatives on April 16 marks the successful passage of the first hurdle toward a federal anti-lynching law. All who have had a share in bringing this about should feel gratified.

The House action, however, will go for naught unless the Senate passes a similar bill. It is proposed that all friends of anti-lynching legislation write or telegraph their Senators urging them to secure an early and definite date for debate and a vote on the Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill (S 1709), and expressing strong fears that the bill may again be defeated by the stubborn filibuster of a small minority.

This is a very important measure and these proposals should be brought before as many

people as possible. We should remember that Senators who filibustered against the bill in 1935 are still in the Senate as are many of the Northern Senators who gave in to that filibuster. Our friends in the South can tell their Senators that the Institute of Public Opinion's test vote in the South showed 65 per cent. in favor of a federal anti-lynching law. Northerners can tell their Senators that the country-wide poll showed a 70 per cent. favorable opinion. Letters should always ask a favorable vote for the bill and be phrased so as to bring a reply.

Don't forget that *your* help is needed now.
Yours for a lynchless America,

KATHERINE GARDNER,
Department of Race Relations, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

Girls' Missionary Guild

RUTH HEINMILLER, SECRETARY

Sharing with Others

FROM the annual reports one notes that not only have the Guild members been sharing through their budget and Thank Offering but they have been sharing in many other ways. One question on the report blank was "In what special ways did Guild girls share with others during the year?" What a variety of ways!

Space does not permit to list all of them. Here are some:

1. Sent school supplies and clothes to the Indian School
2. Gave to flood relief (many did this)
3. Did volunteer work at flood time
4. Sent boxes of things to Migrant Camp
5. Made and sent bandages for the lepers in India
6. Sent boxes of clothing, etc., to the Ozarks
7. Sent toys to the Fort Wayne Orphans' Home

8. Sent Christmas gifts to Bethany Orphans' Home
9. Took membership in the 20,000 Club
10. Sent contributions toward Mr. LeGalley's traveling expenses back to Japan
11. Went Christmas carolling
12. Took baskets of fruit to shut-ins
13. Helped support a high school girl in China
14. Paid a year's salary for a Bible woman in China
15. Made the counsellor a Life Member of the W. M. S. G. S.
16. Presented the local church with a gift in memory of one of the Guild girls who passed on
17. Sponsored the Mother and Daughter Banquet
18. Distributed reading material in hospitals for white and Negro
19. Promoted inter-racial fellowship meetings
20. Sponsored World Day of Prayer services
21. Secured signatures for disarmament petitions

This gives an idea as to what some Guilds are doing. In many instances these activities are direct results of the study programs which the girls have had in their regular meetings. Some Guilds hold extra meetings when they take care of these service activities. Others make them a part of the regular program. "In service for Christ by sharing with others" is one of the purposes of the Girls' Missionary Guild.

The Girls' Missionary Guild wishes to take this opportunity of expressing appreciation for the rich heritage which has been handed down to the organization through the mother organization, the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod. On this fiftieth anniversary we are conscious of the years of faithful service and the triumphs that have been won. May we pass on the torch of Christian service, which has been handed to us, so that more may see the Light.

It is with great joy that we welcome the new Guilds this month.

Eastern Synod

West Reading, Pa., St. James Church. Organized by Mrs. L. A. Gass with 8 charter members. President, Miss Virginia Becker, 629 Penn Ave., West Reading, Pa.

New Brunswick, N. J., Livingston Avenue Church. Organized by Mrs. C. H. Gramm with 14 charter members. President, Miss Helen Stellatella, 352 Lee Ave., New Brunswick, N. J.

Ohio Synod

Lakewood, Ohio, First Church. Organized by the Senior Guild and the W. M. S. with 6 charter members. President, Miss Betty Farrell, 2235 Lincoln Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.

Potomac Synod

Woodstock, Va., Mt. Calvary Church. Organized by Mrs. John Frantz with 5 charter members, boys and girls. President, Mr. Quentin Stickley, R. F. D. Woodstock, Va.

Mission Band

WHAT a pleasure the Mission Band children get out of sharing with others! It was with much interest that the annual reports were read because of the varied list of activities in which the children participated. This year the study has been on the Negro and the reports indicate that the children have been impressed with the study. One group had a party with a group of Negro children. Another purchased Christmas trees for some Negroes who would not otherwise have had any. Still others sent gifts to Negro schools. Gifts were also sent to the Indian School, to Japanese friends, to Orphans' Homes, to Biloxi.

Not only did the Mission Band think just of children but they thought of older people. Some sent gifts to the Old Folks' Home at Greenville, Pa., and some sent oranges to the Phoebe Home. At the time of floods the children shared what they had. A World Day of Prayer Service for children was sponsored by a Mission Band.

The children assisted in giving missionary plays and helped give special programs for Home and Foreign Mission Days.

As the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod looks upon its "child" the Mission Band it can be proud that through the fifty years it has been one of the chief agencies to promote missionary education among children. May their labors bear fruit during the next fifty years.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS FROM THE MISSION BAND!

Welcome to the New Mission Bands

Potomac Synod

Dover, Pa., Salem Church. Organized by the W. M. S. with 8 charter members.

Northwest Synod

Potter, Wis., Peace Church. Organized by Mrs. J. C. Rosenau with 41 charter members.

Worship Service for the Church School

Prepared by MRS. EDWIN W. LENTZ

Vision—and Its Necessity

Where there is no vision the people perish

Instrumental Prelude: To be concluded with the opening chord of "Nicaca" after which the following shall be sung as a solo.

"Bring, O morn, thy music! bring, O Night, thy silence!
Ocean, chant the rapture to the storm wind coursing free!
Sun and stars are singing—Thou art our creator,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be."

Leader: Our worship service is a special message to the Youth of our Church. The month is aglow with hope. Potential leaders have been graduated from high schools and colleges—and hope "is on the wing" . . . hope and vision! For our compass, let us turn far back into history—let us hear what the prophet Joel said (800 years before the birth of Christ), "Young men shall see visions." Not a record of having seen but a prophecy of the experience to come! That prophecy must have been told the Youth of the Ages through the span of the 800 years, for we find it quoted by Peter in his great address on the first Pentecost. (Read Acts 2: 14, 15, 16, 17.) Ever since that Day, God has continued to pour out His spirit upon all flesh. By means of a great contagion, spirit-filled men and women have spread abroad the knowledge of His Spirit until today all parts of the world have witnessed to some degree "The Glory of God." Who of our Church School will follow "The Vision"?

Hymn: "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus."

Prayer: By the Superintendent.

Responsive Reading: (Select from the responsive readings in your hymn book.)

Song: By group of girls: "I Would Be True"

Leader: We will have a few glimpses of lives changed because some folks follow the *Vision* . . . I find that I think and feel far healthier when I look at such folks, instead of at disappointing people. I recommend seeking for human jewels. In the June issue of the *OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS* I have found story after story of men and women in "the succession" of Joel's prophecy . . . in their youth they had had visions, worthy of the name. However, as I read of their achievements, I pondered over the elements which had been put into the achievements and was reminded of the following quotation:

"Millions of people believe that success is won through that mystical concatenation of circumstances known as 'getting the breaks.' But of the rigid requirements of labor, patience, perseverance, humility, courage, and initiative, they are ignorant as infants. Edna Ferber summed it up when she said that she receives hundred of letters from people who want to be writers, but none from people who want to write."

Hymn: (To be selected.)

Leader: Today we long for young men and women willing to get out of the hampering ordinary into the clear, where visions of service are released to seeing eyes. (Introduce the persons who give illustrations; no accounts should take more than five minutes.)

First: Superintendent Stucki's ministry to the Winnebago, particularly his help in stamping out the Great White Plague. Page 166.

Second: Young Women of Japan; select from "Impressions of Day Nursery Work in Japan." Page 173.

Third: The vision back of the Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society. Select from "Reminiscences After Fifty Years." Page 178.

Prayer:

Closing Hymn:

THEMES FOR 1937

THE MOSLEM WORLD

THE CHURCH IN RURAL AMERICA

MISSIONS AND WORLD PEACE

Specialized study of the above mission study themes, as well as other courses in Christian education, will be offered at the Missionary Conferences, Leadership Training Schools and Camps of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.



- July 3 to July 9—Hood College Missionary Conference, Frederick, Md.
July 4 to July 9—Catawba College Conference, Salisbury, N. C.
July 4 to July 10—Hanover Conference, Hanover, Indiana
July 5 to July 15—Shady Side Conference, R. D., Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
July 24 to July 30—Ursinus College Missionary Conference, Collegeville, Pa.
July 26 to August 7—Tiffin Summer School, Tiffin, Ohio
August 9 to August 15—Mission House Conference, Plymouth, Wisconsin

Leadership Training Schools

- June 14 to June 25—Lone Star, Waco, Texas
June 14 to June 25—North Star, St. Peter, Minnesota
July 12 to July 23—Elmhurst, Illinois
July 19 to July 30—Golden West, Healdsburg, California
July 26 to August 6—Lake Erie, Dunkirk, New York
August 2 to August 13—Pacific Northwest, Boring, Oregon
August 9 to August 20—Sunflower, Wichita, Kansas
August 16 to August 27—Gulf Coast, Waveland, Mississippi

Camps

- June 13 to June 23 and July 4 to July 13 (girls)—Waveland, Mississippi
July 14 to July 24 and July 25 to August 4 (boys)—Waveland, Mississippi
July 5 to July 31 (Intermediate and First Senior)—Camp Mensch Mill, Alburdis, Pa.
August 2 to September 7 (Second Senior, Young People, Adult)—Camp Mensch Mill, Alburdis, Pa.
July 5 to July 14 (boys), July 14 to July 23 (girls)—Dunkirk, New York
July 12 to August 7 (Junior, Intermediate, Young People)—Johns River Valley, N. C.
August 16 to August 28—Potomac Synod—Fannettsburg, Pa.

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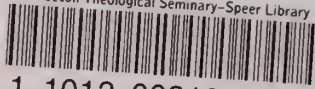
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